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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, During the 1970s, a special provision was written
3 into the Social Security Act of 1935 concerning contingent
4 academic workers; that provision excluded education workers
5 from receipt of unemployment benefits unless they can
6 demonstrate that they do not have "reasonable assurance" of
7 continued employment; and

8 WHEREAS, Academic contingent workers in higher education
9 are frequently denied access to unemployment benefits based on
10 a very broad interpretation of "reasonable assurance";
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
14 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Unemployment
15 Insurance for Contingent Academic Workers Task Force; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with the
18 following tasks:

19 (1) to estimate costs to higher education institutions
20 of a change in law that allows contingent academics to
21 collect unemployment insurance; and

22 (2) to examine the growth of employment of part-time

1 contingent faculty over the past 10 years; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
4 following:

5 (1) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
6 representatives from a 2-year institution; each member
7 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

8 (2) 2 members who are statewide education labor union
9 representatives from a 4-year institution; each member
10 shall be appointed by the union that he or she represents;

11 (3) 2 members who are management representatives from
12 higher education institutions appointed by the Board of
13 Higher Education;

14 (4) one member appointed by the Director of Labor;

15 (5) 4 legislative members; one of whom shall be
16 appointed by the President of the Senate; one of whom shall
17 be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; one of
18 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the
20 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

21 (6) one member appointed by the Governor; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold 3 statewide
24 hearings on the issue of unemployment insurance for contingent

1 academic workers and report its findings to the General
2 Assembly on or before December 31, 2009; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
4 delivered to the Board of Higher Education and the Director of
5 Labor.